

## ***Funding Sources***

### **Capital Improvements Program**

A capital improvement program makes it easier to build a planned transportation system. It consists of two lists of projects. The first is a list of local projects that are designated as a municipal responsibility and are to be implemented with municipal funds. The second is a list of highway projects designated as State responsibility to be included in the State's Transportation Improvement Program.

### **Transportation Improvement Program**

North Carolina's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a document that lists all major transportation projects, and their funding sources, planned by the NCDOT for a seven-year period. Every two years, when the TIP is updated, completed projects are removed, programmed projects are advanced, and new projects are added.

During biennial TIP public hearings, municipalities, local citizens groups, and other interested parties request projects to be included in the TIP. The group requesting a particular project(s) should submit to the NCDOT Board of Transportation Member representing their area the following: a letter with a prioritized summary of requested projects, TIP candidate project request forms, and project location maps with a description of each project. Refer to Appendix G for an example of a TIP project request packet. Local areas should work within their respective Rural Planning Organizations (RPO) to develop local and regional project priorities.

The Board of Transportation reviews all of the project requests from each area of the state. Based on the technical feasibility, need, and available funding, the board decides which projects will be included in the TIP. In addition to highway construction and widening, TIP funds are available for bridge replacement, highway safety projects, public transit projects, railroad projects and bicycle facilities.

### **Industrial Access Funds**

If certain economic conditions are met, Industrial Access Funds are available for construction of access roads for industries that plan to develop property that does not have access to any state-maintained road. The NCDOT Secondary Roads Office should be contacted for information on Industrial Access Funds.

### **Small Urban Funds**

Small Urban Funds are annual discretionary funds that are made available to municipalities with qualifying projects on the state system. The maximum amount is one million dollars per year per highway division. Requests for Small Urban Fund assistance should be directed to the Division Engineer or to the Program Development Branch of NCDOT.